

INTRODUCTION

Report Contents

This report contains chapters that will provide information about NCLB in SD as follows:

- ✍ A summary of the requirements of the NCLB act and how SD has chosen to implement these requirements.
- ✍ Information about the various federal programs that are associated with NCLB and the amounts of funding the state and local school districts in SD have received historically and are expected to receive in the near future.
- ✍ A discussion of the activities associated with NCLB implementation and the nature of the costs associated with those activities. Where possible, we identify revenues provided by federal programs to offset those costs.

We also conducted a formal survey of SD school district superintendents asking their opinions on various aspects of NCLB and its implementation. At the end of the survey document, we invited the superintendents to “write-in” any general comments they had about NCLB. In addition, we telephoned five school districts and asked them specifically about the impacts and costs of NCLB on their districts. The results of these surveys are discussed in Chapter 4 of this report and tabulated results of the formal survey are included as Appendix I.

